



A SENSE OF HOME

# EXPAND THE ASOH COMMUNITY

## VOLUNTEER KIT



# WHY YOU'RE HERE

YOUTH WHO "AGE-OUT" OF FOSTER CARE EACH YEAR  
ARE AT THE GREATEST RISK OF HOMELESSNESS

A NEW SOLUTION IS

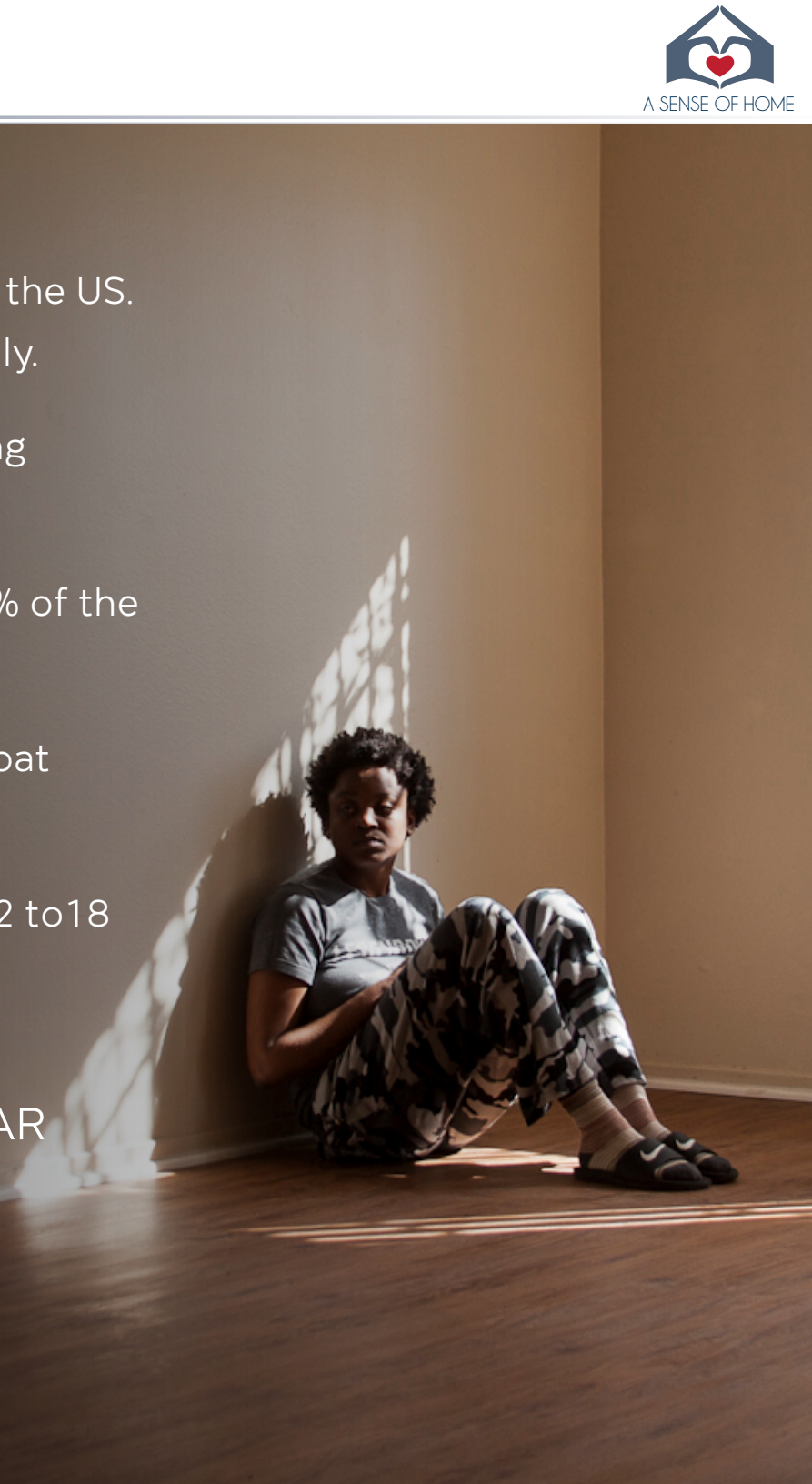


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- Approximately 400,000 youth are in foster care in the US. 20k-35k age-out each year without support of family.
- 77 % of women aging-out become pregnant, risking another generation reentering the system.
- This population is at high risk for homelessness - 50% of the homeless population spent time in foster care.
- Foster youth have higher rates of PTSD than combat veterans of the Vietnam and Iraq wars.
- Fewer than half of young adults were employed 12 to 18 months after aging out of the foster care system.

THE COST TO SOCIETY IS \$8 BILLION/ YEAR



# THE SOLUTION

Imagine you have lived the first 18 years of your life in the foster care system, or maybe you've been struggling on the street. You've never had a family, much less a home to call your own. Now, at age 18, you have 'aged out' of the system' and are left with no support system and nowhere to go.

A Sense of Home is a disruptor model that transforms the lives of foster youth by creating their first-ever home. This is a chance at dignity - it offers a sense of self-worth and a foundation from which this vulnerable population can thrive.

Staff leading the program are former foster youth & one time recipients who work in a powerful partnership with youth paying it forward, and volunteers from the community to serve as family — furnishing the youths space with high quality donated furniture, love, hope & humanity that inspires the youth to be as successful as their new environment. The disruptive self-sustaining model is very low cost, a high return on investment & ready for replication around the US.



The Expand the ASOH Community volunteer experience is an incredibly powerful way to contribute to A Sense of Home.

Everything from food in the freezer, art on the walls, to computers on desks, we need your help reaching out to larger organizations and corporations who might want to donate goods en-mass. We have the warehouse to store items till they're place in a home. Reach out to organizations that can donate items that ASOH needs:

- Appliances — (fridge, microwave, toaster oven, blender, TV, fan & heater)
- Apple devices — Laptops and iPads
- Food — we currently provide frozen organic meals for all youth we serve but need all food
- Cleaning supplies
- Furniture
- Home goods — furniture decor, art, linens etc.

*See the red house on the next page for specific items in each category.*

*Email our Program Director Yolanda at [Yolanda@asenseofhome.org](mailto:Yolanda@asenseofhome.org) so we can help you plan.*





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## ALL ITEMS INSTALLED TO CREATE A SENSE OF HOME

### DINING KIT

6x knife, fork & spoon set, utensil drawer holder, wash cloths, napkins, place mats, 4x platters, 4x salad or fruit bowls, 4x glass mixing bowls, 6x dinner & salad plates, 6x cereal bowls, 6x drinking glasses, 6x coffee cups

### COOKING KIT

utensil set (tongs, whisk, spatula, ladle, turner, wooden spoon, pasta fork), utensil holder, salad servers, scissors, peeler/parmesan shaver, can opener, small cutting knife, mid size cutting knife, bread knife, 2x cutting board, baking dish, 2x pots, 2x pans, strainer, 6x mason jars, set of tupperware

### BEDROOM KIT

queen size linens including fitted sheet, flat sheet, comforter & comforter cover, 4x pillows, 4x pillow cases, 2x euro pillows, 2x euro shams, 3x throw pillows & bed skirt, throw blanket, 4x plain curtain panels, area rug

### DECOR KIT

3x trays, 2x buddhas, objet d'art (i.e. shells, sculptures or bowls), 2x candle holders/lanterns, 2x candles, 10x varying sized vases, fake flowers, 4x throw pillows to match 4x plain panel curtains, 4x coffee table books, area rug

### BATHROOM KIT

2x bath mats, shower curtain & hooks, 3x bath towels, 4x hand towels, 4x wash cloths, waste paper basket, soap holder, soap, tooth brush holder, tooth brush, tooth paste, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner

### FURNITURE INSTALLED

Bed frames (with new mattresses), small dining/kitchen table, dining chairs, sofas, love seats, ottomans, side tables, coffee table, media cabinet, console, small book shelf, bedside tables, dresser, crib, baby changing tables & table & floor lamps.

### ART KIT

16 pieces of art including 6 pieces that work together in living room, 6 pieces that work together in bedroom, 2 pieces that work together in kitchen, 2 pieces that work together in bathroom

### CLEANING KIT

windex, multi surface wipes, bathroom cleaner, chlorine wipes, gloves, paper towels, dish washing soap, washing sponge, broom, dustpan & brush, Swiffer sweeper wet kit, swifter sweeper wipes, magic eraser, trash can, trash bags

### KIDS PLAY AREA KIT (ages 1-7)

play table, 2x chairs, books, stuffed toys, games, clothes, 7x pieces of art, area rug

### KIDS KIT

twin size linens including fitted sheet, flat sheet, comforter, comforter cover, 2 pillows, 2x pillow cases & bed skirt, 2x throw pillows, throw blanket, 4x plain curtain panels, area rug

## VIDEOS



LINK TO SHARE:

<http://bit.ly/2GOYDTf>

TEXT SUGGESTION:

"One person can make a difference, and everyone should try" - John F Kennedy.  
JOIN ME! I'm raising money to create a home with @asenseofhomeorg - this is what true grassroots community building is.

#heartscreatehomes #asenseofhome  
#asoh #bethechange  
#ittakesavillage for #agedout  
#fosteryouth  
#payitforward



LINK TO SHARE:

<http://bit.ly/2qnP16S>

TEXT SUGGESTION:

"We can change the world and make it a better place. It is in our hands to make a difference." Nelson Mandela  
JOIN ME in making a difference in a former foster youth's life by creating a HOME.

#heartscreatehomes #asenseofhome  
#asoh #bethechange  
#ittakesavillage for #agedout  
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LINK TO SHARE:

<http://bit.ly/2GSczaZ>

TEXT SUGGESTION:

JOIN ME in creating a @asenseofhomeorg home for a foster care youth that has aged out of the system.  
We see a lot of women and children homeless and left with nothing, but let's not forget the single fathers also need support! It takes a village.

#supportfathers #heartscreatehomes  
#asenseofhome #asoh #bethechange  
#ittakesavillage for #agedout  
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See all videos: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/asenseofhomeorg/videos/>

# SPREAD THE WORD

## PHOTOS



See all photos in this album on Facebook: <http://bit.ly/2Jlly66>

Each photo has text you can share with your campaign link or feel free to drag images to your desktop to use on your crowdise page in other social media efforts.



# SAMPLE EMAIL TO YOUR FRIENDS

**Even if you're sharing your plans over social media, it's a good idea to send a good old-fashioned email too!  
Feel free to modify the text below in any way you need.**

Dear friends,

I would love to introduce you to a new cause and solution that I am deeply passionate about.

A Sense of Home (ASOH) is a disruptor model that transforms the lives of foster youth who "age out" of foster care by intervening before homelessness and/or before a return to homelessness.

ASOH creates the first ever home of foster youth who "age out" of foster care by. Run by program recipients, the staff works with volunteers like me to furnish the youth's space with quality donated furniture to provide dignity, self-worth and a foundation to thrive. Having never felt like they belonged in a home, their new inspired space is an opportunity for the youth to finally belong in the world and a foundation from which they can build a healthy new beginning.

Please join me in forming a team and finding sponsors to help create a home for a young person who, through no fault of their own, are without family nor community. It takes a village. Let's be the village and revel in an incredibly powerful and uplifting experience.

With love,

[your name]

**300**

Homes Created

**450**

Youths in Bed

**44,400+**

Volunteer Hours

**275,000**

Donated Items Installed

**8**

Former Foster Youth Staff

**4,000+**

Regular Volunteers

# WANT TO KNOW MORE?

With our focus solely on the work, press has organically sought out ASOH. It's important to note – all press has come without a publicist nor any kind of agency.



Documentary



Harry Show



Steve Harvey Show - honored as 'Harvey's Hero'



LA Times



Top 10 CNN Heroes



NBC News



Fox LA



PBS



ABC's "Good Morning America"



CBS's TV series "Hidden Heroes"



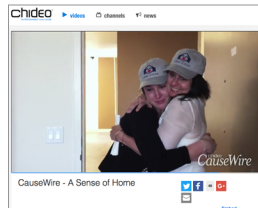
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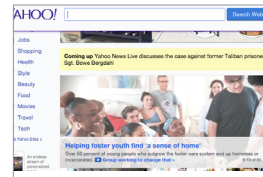
Variety



Katie Couric



CauseWire



Yahoo News



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